(ii) Physics, Part II

(iii) Chemistry, Part II

(iv) Biology, Part II

(c) For implementation of the National Policy on Education, the new text books for classes X and XII were required to be introduced with effect from the academic session, 1989-90. This is being done in the Kendriya Vidyalayas. However, due to certain administrative difficulties, new text books will be introduced in other schools affiliated to the Central Board of Secondary Education a year later.

Strength of IPKF in Sri Lanka

@1719. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the strength of the IPFK in Sri Lanka as on 30th June; 1989; and

(b) whether in view of unilateral decision of the President of Sri Lanka on withdrawal of the IPKF, Government propose to demand payment of compensation?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Approximately 42,000.

(b) The IPKF is in Sri Lanka as part of India's commitments under the Indo-Sri Lanka Agreement. Therefore, the question of Government demanding compensation from Sri Lanka Government does not arise.

US proposal on missile technology control regime

@@1720. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the USA to accept the missile technology control regime;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal and the impact of the same on our missile know-how development plans; and

(c) what are the views of Government on the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Government of India considers the Missile Technology Control Regime a discriminatory one on the lines of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

Assistance for preservation of arts and culture of the Tribals

1721. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Culture is providing aid and assistance to different States for the preservaton of arts and culture of tribals;

(b) whether the said Department has introduced any scheme for that purpose; and if so, when it was introduced;

(c) what are the details of the aid and assistance given to different States under that scheme in last three years; and

(d) what is the amount earmarked therefor during the current financial year.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Department of Culture has not introduced any scheme for this purpose.

(c) and (d) Nil.

@Previously Unstarred, Question 768 transferred from the 25th July, 1989.

@@Previously Unstarred Question 864 transferred from the 25th July, 1989.